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**FRANK D'ASCENSIO**  
**CITY CLERK**

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TO MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE

At its regular meeting of December 8, 1980 the Newark Municipal Council adopted a "MOTION STRONGLY URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO SENATOR FRANK GRAVES' CIGARETTE TAX PACKAGE (HEADED BY S-1625) WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING TO INCREASE POLICE MANPOWER FOR MANY MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE".

The Municipal Council also expressed the view that the present rise in crime in many New Jersey communities combined with the budgetary restraints placed on municipal governments makes it obvious that plans like the one offered by Senator Graves provide a realistic alternative in government's efforts to protect the lives and property of New Jersey citizens and as such it deserves the full support of all elected officials.

Due to the Council's deep interest in this matter, I am certain its concerns will receive your utmost attention.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours

Acting City Clerk